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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Sunday 28th January 2024

Girija Kalyana Saptaha from Jan. 29 to Feb. 4

Mysuru, Jan. 28-As part of *Girija Kalyana Saptaha,* Parampare, a unique cultural organisation in Mysuru will be presenting lecture series based on *Shivapurana, Shivatatvachintamani* and '*Girijakalyana Mahaprabandha*' of Harihara in city from Jan. 29 to Feb. 4. Presenting classical literature to public is its main purpose. Relevant songs, veerabhadra kunitha and kolata have been included this time.

Dr. Jyothy Shankara, Kannada Professor, writer of Nrutyaroopakas and a versatile vykhanakarti will deliver these lectures at Ganapathi temple, 'I' Block, Ramakrishnanagar, from 6 pm to 8 pm daily.

Jan. 29: *Katharambha*— by disciples of Vidu. Gayatri Sathyanarayana, Savigana Dasavani troupe, Ramakrishnanagar; **Jan. 30:** *Daksha Dahana* by disciples of Dr. Sukanya Prabhakar of Surabhi Gana Kalamandira, Gokulam; **Jan. 31:** *Parvathiya Janana* by students of Vidu. Shubha Raghavendra of Swarasagara Music Foundation, Ramakrishnanagar; **Feb. 1:** *Tarakasura Yuddha* by Padmavathi Mahadev of Sayi Soudamini trope, Ramakrishnanagar; **Feb.2:** *Kamada Dahana* by disciples of Pushpa Vidya Shankara, Sri Sharada Music School, Ramakrishnanagar; **Feb. 3:** *Parvathiya Tapassu, Parvathi Parameshwarara Vivaha* by students of Srilatha of Vagdhevi Music Shool, Srirampura 2nd Stage; **Feb. 4:** Girja Kalyana Puja Mahotsava— 8 am Puja rituals; 12.30 pm Mahamangalarthi and distributiion of prasada. For details contact P. Krishnakumar on Mob: 99860-37311.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

Whether it manifests as a chronic feeling of dread, Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD) or panic attacks, anxiety is not an uncommon condition today. While most view anxiety strictly as a medical condition, very few explore the spiritual causes of the malaise. According to noted Psychoanalyst Carl Jung, anxiety is a call towards awakening and breaking free from the trap of blind conformity. It's a golden opportunity to make lifestyle changes, discover your authentic self and soul purpose, let go of habits and belief systems that no longer serve you and take ownership of your life.

Most therapeutic approaches delve into childhood traumas, attempting to "resolve" them to cure an adult individual. However, according to Carl Jung, the past doesn't hold the key to recovery, even if it may well be the cause.

The answer may lie in the here and now. Anxiety is a sign that the life you are leading now and the path you are on are not in alignment with who you are and what you are meant to do. It's an indication that you aren't adjusting well to a society that attempts to fit square pegs into round holes.

Irrespective of the family, community and country we are born into, we mustn't forget that we are inter-dimensional beings temporarily having a 3-D experience. Most of us blindly follow the herd and are seldom brought up to be free or independent thinkers. By default, one learns to accept customs, rituals and traditions as our true identity. In hardcore traditional families where there is little room for freewill, there is a lack of healing and intergenerational trauma often gets passed down generations as freewill.

This continues until one of us breaks the pattern, perhaps by inadvertently becoming the family black sheep.

Anxiety is not a signal to withdraw from life, as it often compels us to do. Instead, it is a chance to heal so that you don't pass on intergenerational trauma to future generations. It is a sign to stop sitting on the sidelines of life and immerse oneself wholly in life experience.

It's a stringent warning to stop treading the path of blind conformity and do what works for you. Indeed, it's a wakeup call to give birth to a brand new world.

—Lasya Shashimohan in Deccan Herald

NEWS SPARKLERS

Woman spends over 3 hours in ice to break record

Warsaw: A Polish woman spent 3 hours, 6 minutes and 45 seconds standing in a box filled up to her neck with ice to set a Guinness World Record.

Katarzyna Jakubowska, 48, officially set the world record for the longest duration full body contact with ice (female).

Jakubowska's time was just short of the male version of the record, which was set at 3 hours, 11 minutes and 27 seconds by fellow Poland resident Krzysztof Gajewski.

"I believe that we have great strength as women. I wanted to show with my person that if we want something, we can do it," Jakubowska told Guinness World Records.

Foul-mouthed parrots given second chance

Friskney: Officials at a British zoo said a group of infamously foul-mouthed parrots that were isolated from the rest of the flock are being moved in with the rest of the chatty birds in the hopes of cleaning up their language.

The Lincolnshire Wildlife Park famously received five African grey parrots from different owners in 2020, and the new arrivals spent their time in quarantine teaching each other a variety of profanities.

The birds were removed from the rest of the zoo's flock to keep them from teaching their bad habits to dozens of other parrots. Officials said the recent arrival of three more potty-mouthed parrots led them to make the decision to put all eight of the cussing birds in with the rest of the parrots.

Chief Executive of the Park Nichols said keepers are hoping the swearing parrots will learn new sounds from the rest of the flock, instead of the other way around.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Fact: Calcium intake in moderation would prevent stone as it binds to oxalate and prevent its absorption in intestine.

By Dr. THIMMAIAH K A – Consultant – Urology
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'Manjira Mahotsava' from tomorrow

Mysuru, Jan. 28 (GA&TRR)- Sri Nataraja Performing Arts Centre is organising 'Manjira Mahotsava' from Jan. 29 to 31 at Rama Govinda Kala Vedike, Ganabharathi premises, Kuvempunagar in city.

Addressing a press conference at Pathrakartara Bhavan in city yesterday, Managing Trustee M.B. Nagashree said that 'Manjira Mahotsava' will be inaugurated on Jan.29 by University of Mysore Vice-Chancellor Prof. N.K. Lokanath at 5.45 pm.

Joint Director of Kannada and Culture Department V.N. Mallikarjunaswamy, President of Sri Nataraja Performing Arts Centre M.K. Balaraju and Director of Nrityagiri Performing Arts and Research Centre Dr. Kripa Phadke will be the chief guests.

Sindhu Kiran, an exponent of Odissi dance, will be felicitated at the function. After the stage programme, at 6 pm city's noted Bharatanatyam Dancer Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy will present a dance programme. At 7.30 pm, Director of Rudra Nritya Yogashaale Vidushi Sindhu Kiran will present an Odissi dance.

On Jan. 30 at 6 pm, Vidwan N. Srikanth and Vidushi Ashwati V. Nayar will present a Bharatanatyam and at 7.30 pm, Vidushi Aditi Ashok and Vidushi Spoorthi Ashok will present Kathak.

On Jan.31 at 6 pm, Vidwan Satyanarayanaraju and at 7.30 pm, Vidushi Rachini Kallur will perform Bharatanatyam.

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Newly-laid unpainted road humps

20 accidents in 12 hours; two riders seriously injured

Mysuru, Jan. 28 (MTY&BCT)- The installation of unmarked and unpainted speed-breakers with no signs of warning on Bogadi main road in front of the main entrance gate to Manasagangothri campus, has led to a concerning situation. Within a span of 12 hours after the speed bumps were laid yesterday, there were 20 accidents, resulting in serious injuries to two two-wheeler riders.

Commuters on the road (Bogadi Road) divided by a median from Kuvempu Statue Gate till the junction of All India Institute of Speech and Hearing (AIISH) said that this unpainted road hump placement poses a significant threat to road safety.

The newly-laid hump on Bogadi Road in front of Manasagangothri Main Gate.

Bikes, cars land with a thumping sound

The road humps were laid yesterday on both roads from either side but were not painted in white as usual. Unaware of the sudden presence of these unmarked humps, regular two-wheeler riders failed to slow down in time, resulting in their vehicles flying over the humps.

The aftermath saw bikes and cars landing with a thumping sound, indicating the severity of the impact. Yeshwanth, a resident of Maratikyathanahalli, fell from his bike at 2 am when he was returning from his work. He did not notice the humps and sped over it. Due to the impact, he was flung from the bike and he hit against the wall of a storm water drain and sustained severe head injuries.

(See ACCIDENTS on page 7)

CAR, DAR Police exam held amid heavy bandobust in city

Full-sleeve shirts of aspirants cut to half; some urgently change jeans to track pants; a few appear in vests

Mysuru, Jan. 28 (MTY&BS)- Several thousands of aspirants appeared for the written exam for 3,064 posts of Armed Police Constables (APC) at City Armed Reserve (CAR) and District Armed Reserve (DAR) Police forces, for male and sexual minority (male) aspirants, conducted by State Police Department today at 36 centres in the city.

While the City Police Unit conducted the exam at 29 centres including Maharani's Junior College on Narayana Shastry Road, Maharani's Women's Commerce and Management College, Paduvarahalli (Vinayaka Nagar), JSS Law College, Kuvempunagar to name a few, the District Police conducted the exam at seven centres totalling 36 centres, amid heavy Police bandobust. A total of 19,400 candidates had enrolled for the exam in district and list of absentees will be available later.

(See EXAM on page 7)

Nitish resigns as Bihar CM

New Delhi, Jan. 28 (Agencies)- In a major jolt to I.N.D.I.A alliance ahead of forthcoming Lok Sabha polls, Janata Dal (United) stalwart Nitish Kumar resigned as the Chief Minister of Bihar this morning.

Nitish Kumar

Shortly after submitting his resignation to Governor Rajendra Arlekar at Patna in Bihar, Nitish Kumar also staked claim to form the new State Government in alliance with BJP.

Nitish and his two deputies from BJP — Samrat Choudhary and Vijay Sinha — are likely to take oath this evening, it is said.

He has also submitted BJP's letter of support of 78 MLAs in 243-member Bihar Assembly. While JD(U) has 45 MLAs, four MLAs of (HAM) and one independent are also a part of the new alliance.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Discourse

As part of Bhagavad Gita Abhiyaan, noted scholar Pandit Srinidhi Acharya Jamanis will deliver a five-day discourse on Bhagavad Gita - Chapter 15, at Sri Raghavendra Swamy Mutt, Jayalakshmipuram from today (Jan. 28) to Feb. 1. The discourse will be held from 5 pm to 6 pm on all the days. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2511355.

CMC preliminary budget meeting

A preliminary public meeting of Nanjangud CMC (City Municipal Council) to discuss 2024-25 budget will be held at the CMC Council Hall, Nanjangud, at 3 pm on Jan. 29. The elected representatives, members of the public, senior citizens and members of associations and organisations can take part and come up with suggestions regarding the budget, according to a press release.

Meat sale banned

On account of Sarvodaya Day, sale of meat has been banned in MCC limits on Jan. 30. Accordingly, all slaughter houses and meat shops in the city are ordered to close down on that day, according to a MCC press release.

Suttur Jathra: Desi games

As part of the week-long annual Suttur Jathra (Feb. 6 to 11) to take place at Suttur in Nanjangud taluk, a two-day desi games contest such as slush field race, aligulimane, annikallu etc., has been organised for men and women on Feb. 8 and 9 at Suttur. Those interested in taking part, can register at the Jathra Office or call Ph: 0821- 2548212/122 or Mob: 72598-00344, 96634-52892, 99452-44582.

Matrimonial meet

A Veerashaiva - Lingayat matrimonial meet has been organised under the joint aegis of Mysuru-Chamarajanagar District Veerashaiva Mutt Seers Forum (Goshti) and Bidugalu Paduvalu Sri Virakta Mutt, Sargur taluk, in the city on Feb. 25. Interested eligible brides and bridegrooms of the community can register along with all required documents at the Forum Office located at Sri Shivarathri Dr. Rajendra Swamiji Circle in city or at Paduvalu Sri Virakta Mutt before Feb. 20. For details contact Mob: 99641-51105, 94815-28665 or 94490-30588.

Elected

N. Shivakumar has been elected as the President and C.R. Seshagirirao as Vice-President of The Citizens House Mortgage and Housing Co-operative Society Ltd., No. 361/1, CH-15, D. Subbaiah Road, Chamaraja Mohalla in city.

Rs. 200 crore sought to mitigate human-animal conflict: Khandre

Nanjangud, Jan. 28 (BS)- Forest Minister Eshwar Khandre has assured that significant steps are being taken to address the persistent issue of human-animal conflict permanently. Adequate funds have been allocated for installing rail barricades to mitigate the elephant menace in the villages surrounding the Bandipur Tiger Reserve.

Speaking at a meeting with villagers to discuss the man-animal conflict recently, Minister Khandre emphasised the importance of these measures. He disclosed that an Elephant Task Force has already been formed and efforts are underway to identify vulnerable spots for the construction of rail barricades.

Currently, rail barricades spanning 312 kms have been completed and plans are in place to extend this coverage by an additional 120 kms. He revealed that a request has been made to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah to allocate Rs. 200 crore in the upcoming budget to support these initiatives.

Highlighting the ecological significance of Bandipur Forest, Minister Khandre mentioned that the Elephant Task Force, which plays a crucial role in mitigating conflicts, will be further strengthened. Additional facilities, including more vehicles, will be sanctioned to enhance the capabilities of the task force in dealing with the complex challenges posed by human-animal conflicts in the region.

In response to farmers' demands for compensation in cases of crop loss caused by wild animals such as deer, wild boar, peacock and others, Khandre stated that he is aware of the issue. He expressed his intention to draft a proposal to the Finance Department, suggesting that rather than providing compensation to farmers on the forest fringes, the Finance Department should bear the losses.

He assured that he would bring this matter to the attention of the Chief Minister for further consideration. Additionally, Khandre directed Forest Officers to exercise patience and understanding when dealing with the general public in matters related to wildlife and crop loss.

Earlier, Minister Khandre visited the family of Ratnamma in Ballurhundi, who was recently killed in a tiger attack. He instructed the officers to provide temporary employment to Ratnamma's dependents and ensure they receive pension benefits.

The meeting was attended by MLAs Darshan Dhruvanarayan and H.M. Ganesh Prasad, former MLA Kalale Keshavamurthy, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) Subhash K. Malkhede, Chief Conservator of Forest (CCF) Ramesh Kumar, Assistant Conservator of Forest (ACF) Paramesh and others.

Allotment of forest, revenue lands to farmers after survey

Forest Minister Eshwar Khandre has given assurance to farmers that he will initiate measures to distribute forest lands cultivated before 1978 under the Right to Forest Act. This comes in response to the farmers' demand for land allocation after conducting a joint survey.

Farmers cultivating the land for the past 50 years without any certificate of grant have faced challenges in receiving compensation, often citing the reason of 'forest land' mentioned in Rights, Tenancy and Crops (RTC) records.

Khandre stated that a joint survey will be conducted by the Forest Department and Revenue Department. Subsequently, measures will be implemented to issue a certificate of grant for revenue lands by identifying the forest borders.

The Minister emphasised that steps will be taken to distribute lands belonging to the Forest Department that have been cultivated before 1978 under the Right to Forest Act. This move aims to address the concerns of farmers who have long been cultivating these lands without proper documentation.

Woman ends life over alleged harassment from husband's family

Nanjangud, Jan. 28- A 35-year-old woman, committed suicide by consuming poison following alleged mental and physical harassment from her husband's family members. The tragedy took place at Hosakote village in the taluk on Jan. 24.

The deceased is Vijayalakshmi, wife of Harish and a resident of Hosakote village. The couple has a 12-year-old daughter and a 10-year-old son.

Vijayalakshmi, a native of Bommenahalli in Mysuru taluk, was given in marriage to Harish, son of Mahadevamurthy of Hosakote village 12 years ago.

The couple were leading a happy life for seven years when difference in opinions cropped up between them leading to frequent quarrels, it is learnt. Vijayalakshmi had lodged a complaint against her husband's family members resulting in her husband's family members beginning to harass her mentally and physically. She later filed a divorce petition at the Family Court in Mysuru.

On Jan. 24, a fight broke out again, during which her husband Harish, father-in-law Mahadevamurthy, mother-in-law Malligamma. brothers-in-law Mahendra and Raghavendra and Mahadevamurthy's sister Shivamma humiliated her and told her to go out of the house and die besides harassing her mentally and assaulted her, resulting in Vijayalakshmi consuming poison.

She was immediately rushed to a hospital in Hosakote, where Vijayalakshmi was provided first-aid and was later admitted to KR Hospital in Mysuru, where she breathed her last on Friday (Jan. 26), Police said.

Vijalakshmi's father, alleging that his daughter was harassed mentally and physically leading to her committing suicide, has lodged a complaint against his daughter's husband and his family members with Biligere Police, who have registered a case.

Absconding inter-district burglar arrested

Mysuru, Jan. 28 (RK&KS)- Vijayanagar Police have arrested a burglar who failed to attend Court hearings and had gone absconding. He was to attend the Court in house burglary cases committed in Mysuru, Mandya and Hassan districts.

The arrested is Jamal, a resident of Koppa in Periyapatna taluk. The accused had committed three house burglaries in the district including Mysuru's Vijayanagar Police limits, two in Mandya district and one in Hassan district.

Though the Court had issued warrant against him, the accused had failed to attend the Court and had gone absconding since four to five years.

Following the issuance of the warrant, Vijayanagar Sub-Inspector K. Vishwanath and staff, following a tip off from informants,arrested Jamal on Jan. 22 and produced him before the City's 5th JMFC Court.

DCP (Crime and Traffic) S. Jahnavi and Vijayanagar Sub-Division ACP G.S. Gajendraprasad guided Vijayanagar Inspector S.D. Sureshkumar and staff Umesh, M.J. Shankar, B. Swamaradhya, Tilak Kumar, Pradeep Kumar, J. Chandra, K.N. Manjunath, Sanjay and others in the nabbing operation.

Obituary

Nagaraj Hebbar

Hunsur, Jan. 28- Nagaraj Hebbar (Appi Nagaraju), proprietor of Hotel Dwaraka and a resident of Ganesha Gudi Street passed away on Jan. 25 in the town. He was 58.

He leaves behind his wife, two sons and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at the burial grounds next to the Taluk Office in the town, according to family sources.

VOICE OF THE READER

Chaotic traffic junction

Sir,

The Traffic Police authorities concerned should immediately take the initiative to mitigate the never- ending traffic woes faced by motorists at the junction of Gokulam Road and Hunsur Road in city.

This is one of the worst traffic junctions where at any point of time the situation is chaotic and very difficult to manoeuvre.

Though the Traffic Department has proposed new traffic signal lights at various junctions, unfortunately this junction was over-looked. I request the authorities to consider this junction for installing the traffic signal lights on top priority and help the tax-paying motorists.

—K. Chandrahas
Mysuru
19.1.2024

Government releases Rs. 92 lakh for D. Devaraj Urs statue in city

Statue to come up in new DC Office premises

Mysuru, Jan. 28 (DM)- Ending the long wait for the installation of the statue of former Chief Minister D. Devaraj Urs in the city, the State Government has granted administrative approval for the installation of the statue of the late former Chief Minister, who hailed from Mysuru district, in the premises of the new Deputy Commissioner's (DC) Office on Bannur Road in Siddarthanagar. Government has also released Rs. 92 lakh for the statue.

The Government has released the money (Rs. 92 lakh) to the Mysuru DC through the Kannada and Culture Department and has asked the District Administration to submit the estimated cost and details along with breakup of the cost.

The Government, in its order, said that the released money should be utilised only for the purpose that it is meant for. Also, the audited accounts of the money spent must be submitted to the Government and that the authorities must not send fresh proposals seeking additional grants for the construction of the statue at the site, according to the order issued by S. Geetabai, Under-Secretary, Kannada and Culture Department.

Welcoming the Government's administrative approval for the construction of the statue, BJP OBC Morcha State President Raghu R. Kautilya, who had also served as the Chairman of D. Devaraj Urs Backward Classes Development Corporation earlier, said that former Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa had sanctioned Rs. 92 lakh for the construction of Devaraj Urs statue in front of the new DC Office in Mysuru. But the BJP Government lost power before the project got administrative approval and the Congress Government which came to power, has now accorded administrative approval, he said adding that the construction of the statue must be completed before the late former Chief Minister's next birth anniversary.

Narayana Health receives licence to

operate as standalone Health Insurance Company

Narayana Health Insurance

Mysuru, Jan. 28- Narayana Health Insurance Limited (Narayana Health), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Narayana Hrudayalaya Limited (Narayana Health), has received licence to operate as a standalone health insurance company from the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI).

"We are delighted to receive the licence to operate as a standalone health insurance company," said Dr. Devi Shetty, Founder and Chairman of Narayana Hrudayalaya and Chairman of Narayana Health Insurance. "This is a major milestone for our company and will allow us to achieve our mission of making healthcare accessible to all. We are grateful for the support of IRDAI Chairman Debasish Panda and the entire IRDAI team for their guidance. This is the fastest approval for a health insurance licence in recent times and shows that the Regulator and Government are serious in their commitment to increase insurance penetration across the country. We are motivated by the vision of Insurance for All by 2047 and believe that our company can play a significant role in achieving this goal."

Narayana Health Insurance will focus on simplifying health insurance by creating comprehensive policies that are easy to understand. The company will leverage the investments made by Narayana Health in technology and AI over the years to create personalised care plans for its members and manage risks better.

"This is an important step in the evolution of Narayana Health from a Hospital operator to an integrated care provider," said Viren Shetty, Vice-Chairman of Narayana Hrudayalaya Limited and Director of Narayana Health Insurance Limited adding "Our goal is to provide a seamless and integrated healthcare experience for our subscribers, and this licence will allow us to offer a comprehensive suite of health insurance products and services. We believe that this will help us fulfil our purpose of keeping people healthy and providing affordable health care to underserved sections of society."

The company is expected to commence business in a few months, with an initial focus on Karnataka market.

Rangsons Aerospace inks five-year contract with Boeing

To manufacture tubes and ducts for aerospace systems

Ashwani Bhargava (left), Director, Supply Chain Management, Boeing India, seen with Pavan Ranga, CEO of Rangsons Aerospace.

Mysuru, Jan. 28 - Rangsons Aerospace, a prominent player in India's aerospace and defence industry, has entered into a contract with Boeing to supply tubes and ducts for aerospace systems. This collaboration signifies Boeing's first partnership of this nature with an Indian supplier.

Pavan Ranga, CEO of Mysuru-based Rangsons Aerospace, expressed his enthusiasm about the collaboration, stating, "This contract marks a significant milestone for Rangsons Aerospace and the Indian aerospace industry. We are honoured to partner with Boeing, a global aviation leader, and contribute towards advancing aviation technology in India."

The five-year contract solidifies Rangsons Aerospace's position as a key contributor to the aviation supply chain, emphasising the company's unwavering commitment to excellence and innovation within the aerospace sector.

This strategic alliance not only underscores Rangsons Aerospace's dedication to delivering high-quality, advanced solutions but also strengthens its global presence, extending from India to the United States and Israel, he noted.

'Baalondu Bhavageethe'

Mysuru, Jan. 28 (GA&TRR)- 'Sound N Rhythm,' an orchestra troupe in city has organised a film-based songs programme titled 'Baalondu Bhavageethe' on Jan.30 from 5.30 pm at Nadabrahma Sangeeta Sabha on JLB road, said Troupe Head A.S. Ravishankar. Singers will present 26 Kannada songs from films during the period 1980 - 1990.

Annual School Day

Mysuru, Jan. 28- The 42nd Annual School Day of Mysore Lions School will be celebrated at its premises in Bannimantap on Jan. 29 from 5 pm onwards. Ln. Dr. N. Krishnegowda, District Governor 2023-24 will be the chief guest. Amshi Prasannakumar, Senior Journalist, will be the guest of honour.

Gurudev Award to Music Patron C.R. Himamshu

Himamshu

Mysuru, Jan. 28- Gurudev Award will be presented to Music Patron C.R. Himamshu during *Chethanotsava,* a Classical Dance programme organised by Gurudev Academy of Fine Arts at Jaganmohan Palace here today.

The programme will be inaugurated by art patron Dr. Jagannath Shenoy at 6.30 pm.

Academy's Artistic Director Dr. P.M. Chethana Radhakrishna will preside. Academy's MD P.M. Radhakrishna and others will be present.

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Field Marshal K.M. Cariappa

remembered on his 125th birth anniversary

Mysuru, Jan. 28 (BLU&DM)- Offering of floral tributes to the statue of Field Marshal K.M. Cariappa (Kodandera Madappa Cariappa) at Field Marshal K.M. Cariappa Circle on JLB Road marked the 125th birth anniversary of the first Field Marshal of the country in the city this morning.

The event was organised under the joint aegis of Kodava Samaja, Mysuru, Kodava Samaja Cultural and Sports Club, Mysuru and Field Marshal K.M. Cariappa Fans Club, Mysuru.

Speaking on the occasion, Chamaraja MLA K. Harishgowda said that Field Marshal K.M. Cariappa led the Indian Army from the front and he was a motivational leader. Pointing out that his birth anniversary is being celebrated with great respect, he said that Kodagu is a land which has produced many soldiers, warriors and leaders, who have served the country with great pride.

K.R. MLA T.S. Srivatsa said that K.M. Cariappa lived a long life of 94 years during which he achieved many firsts. Noting that his indomitable spirit continued even after he retired from Army service, he said that the Field Marshal used to visit army camps to inspire the soldiers guarding the borders of our country.

MLC C.N. Manjegowda said that a person should leave behind his footprint in his service and the Field Marshal was a perfect example for this as he served the country with dedication and determination.

Stating that he too was among many others who drew inspiration from Cariappa for joining the army, Manjegowda said that the Kodava people are known for their discipline, hospitality and uncompromising stance whenever it comes to issues concerning national interests.

Former MLA L. Nagendra said that the Field Marshal's statue is a pride of Mysuru and that his services will be remembered in the country for long. He continues to be of great inspiration to the younger generation, he added.

Former Mayor M.J. Ravikumar wanted the Government to celebrate Field Marshal Cariappa's birth anniversary at the State-level.

Mysuru Kodava Samaja President Ponjanda A. Ganapathy, Hon. Secretary Ketolira A. Belliappa, Kodava Samaja Cultural and Sports Club President Kuttimada D. Muthappa, Field Marshal K.M. Cariappa Fans Club President Nayakanda Thimmaiah, Shri Kaveri Kodagu Mahila Sangha President Ponjanda Lovely Appaiah, former Corporators M.U. Subbaiah and Pramila Bharath and others were present on the occasion.

Mysuru Education Fair to conclude this evening

Mysuru, Jan. 28- The 3-day 'Mysuru Education Fair-2024' organised by CISPMAM (CBSE, ICSE and State Private Schools Management Association, Mysuru) in association with *Chirag Ads* at Maharaja's College Grounds in city, will conclude this evening.

The Education Fair, which began on Friday, aimed to connect students with a diverse range of educational opportunities and fostering educational inclusivity.

The Fair featured interactive sessions, workshops and seminars covering topics ranging from career counselling to emerging fields of study. It was designed to expose students to diverse academic experiences and equip them with tools needed to excel in an interconnected world.

Representatives from various institutions provided valuable information and guidance to aspiring students.

The 3-day Fair was inaugurated by Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji on Jan. 26. CISPMAM Founder- President S. Sudhakar Shetty presided. CISPMAM President V. Venkatesh, Vice-Presidents M.S. Ravindra Swamy and M. Ameen, Secretary S. Radhakrishna, Jt. Secretary Manjunath Srivatsa, Treasurer K.S. Swaroopini Sandesh and Managing Director of *Chirag Ads* S. Vivek were present.

At 43, Rohan Bopanna becomes oldest Grand Slam champion

Rohan Bopanna (India) and Matthew Ebden (Australia) pose with the Championship Trophy after winning Men's Doubles Final match during the 2024 Australian Open at Melbourne Park yesterday.

Melbourne, Jan. 28 (Agencies)- With his resounding victory at the Australian Open against Italians Simone Boleili and Andrea Vavassori, 43-year-old Machanda Rohan Bopanna from Kodagu has officially etched his name as the oldest-ever Grand Slam winner.

For Rohan Bopanna, 2024 could not have started in a better way. The last 7 days have been nothing short of a fairytale for the Indian tennis star, who has been on top of his game in the last 12 months or so. On Thursday, Bopanna was among the seven recipients of the prestigious *Padma Shri*.

The Indo-Australian pairing of Bopanna and Matthew Ebden engaged in a fierce battle against the Italians on Saturday, emerging victorious in two sets of 7-6, 7-5. The intense encounter, lasting 1 hour and 39 minutes at the Rod Laver Arena, marked the pair's inaugural title as a team and Bopanna's first men's doubles triumph after participating in 60 previous Grand Slams — a record for the most attempts before clinching victory.

Bopanna, at 43, now surpasses Dutchman Jean-Julien Rojer, who secured the French Open men's doubles title at the age of 40 alongside partner Marcelo Arevola.

The win also positions Bopanna to become the oldest number one in men's doubles history when the new rankings are released next week. This triumph at the Australian Open signifies Bopanna's second Grand Slam in his illustrious career, following his earlier success at the 2017 French Open in mixed doubles with Canada's Gabriela Dabrowski.

The victory also marks Ebden's second men's doubles title, following his Wimbledon win in 2022 with fellow Australian Max Purcell. In the final, the Bopanna-Ebden duo took the lead by winning the first game of the initial set with straight serves. Subsequently, the Italian pair of Bolelli-Vavassori intensified the competition.

The first set was a closely contested battle that went down to the wire at 6-6, when Bopanna and Ebden launched an offensive blitz, scoring seven straight points to secure the set 7-6 after 51 minutes of relentless action. The second set followed a similar narrative, with both pairs going blow-for-blow in each game, maintaining a tight contest until it reached 5-5. Once again, Bopanna and Ebden surged ahead in the final two games to win the set 7-5 and claim the title.

Celebratory moments

Four years ago, Rohan faced uncertainties about his future in professional tennis. Despite being a Davis Cup veteran, a mixed doubles Grand Slam champion and former doubles World No.3, physical issues had taken a toll on his knees. As he clinched the title with a simple putaway overhead volley, Bopanna fell to the ground, celebrating with a roaring chest bump — a departure from his usually calm demeanour.

Reflecting on his journey, Bopanna shared his emotions on court after the victory. "A couple of years ago, I remember sending (my wife) a video message saying I am going to call it a day. I went five months without winning a match. But that perseverance inside me kept me going. I'm glad I could change so many things and find a wonderful partner," he said.

"Of course, by now, I'm sure a lot of you know my age," he said on court after the final. "But I've changed it now. I like to say I'm at level 43, not age 43."

Modi showers praises

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday showered praise on Rohan Bopanna. In a post on X, Modi said, "Time and again, the phenomenally talented Rohan Bopanna shows age is no bar! Congratulations to him on his historic Australian Open win. Best wishes for his future endeavours."

20 accidents in 12 hours

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Policemen, who were returning from their place of work, saw the accident and called an ambulance to shift Yeshwanth to K.R. Hospital. He was later shifted to JSS Hospital for advanced treatment.

In another accident on a different hump laid yesterday on the same road, Balladichanda Shivan from Kandangala village in Virajpet was seriously injured last night. He was shifted to Kamakshi Hospital in a critical condition. However, doctors said today that he was out of danger.

According to the Police, there were over 20 accidents on the four road humps yesterday and one more girl student sustained minor injury as her scooter fell over the hump. Many accidents took place in the night as the young crowd was returning on Bogadi Road after attending Mysuru Fest-2024 in Manasagangothri and were not aware of the newly laid humps.

Painting humps mandatory

As per the Indian Road Congress (IRC), a standard speed breaker must be 0.1 m high and 3.7 m wide. These specifications are scientifically curated to maintain the speed of an approaching vehicle to a maximum of 25 kmph. IRC mandates that the humps must be painted with black and white using luminous paint and a caution board should be set up 40 metres ahead of the hump.

Although the road humps on Bogadi Road have been constructed according to specifications, the road contractor has neglected to paint or mark them. In response to two recorded accident cases resulting in injuries to Yeshwanth and Shivan, the Police registered two cases. However, as of now, no case has been filed against the road contractor, as there have been no formal complaints lodged by any party involved.

CAR, DAR Police exam

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In the wake of severe malpractices that were exposed during the exams for First Division Assistants (FDAs) conducted by Karnataka Examination Authority (KEA) in October 2023 and 545 PSI posts in October 2021, stringent measures were taken to check the possibility of recurrences of any exam-related irregularities.

Separate make-shift counters had been opened at each of the centres for the aspirants to deposit their bags. Those entering the exam hall with admit cards were thoroughly frisked at the entrance with a hand-held metal detector, before passing through a door-frame metal detector.

Candidates who arrived for the exam wearing full sleeve shirts were subjected to an unusual procedure, with Police personnel using scissors to cut off the shirt sleeves before permitting entry into the exam hall.

Following the standard protocol, only formal trousers were allowed, and wearing jeans was not permitted. In an attempt to comply with these regulations, candidates were observed engaging in last-minute shopping, with some purchasing track pants from vendors on footpaths near the exam centres. This allowed them to quickly change and rush to the exam halls.

Interestingly, some of the aspirants who were unwilling to allow their full sleeves shirt to be cut, readily deposited them with the Police, before walking inside in a vest. Waist belts, bracelets, talisman, mobile phones, digital watches, headphones and microphones were also strictly prohibited from being carried inside the centre.

The candidates were also asked to remove their footwears at the entrance before checking and allowing them inside with the footwears.

Before entering the designated room, the candidates had to undergo a final check, with the Police verifying their Aadhaar card and taking their photograph on a cell phone camera, with their palms facing the camera. City Police including DCPs, ACPs and Inspectors were seen making visits to exam centres.

Fake currency printing unit raided in Koorgalli

- Davanagere Police bust racket; six including MBA graduate arrested
- Counterfeit currency notes worth Rs. 20 lakh already circulated

Mysuru, Jan. 28 (BCT)- The Davanagere Police have busted a fake currency racket engaged in the production and circulation of counterfeit Indian currency. Six persons including an MBA graduate, have been arrested and authorities have confiscated counterfeit notes amounting to Rs 7.7 lakh, along with a car, laptops, colour printers and paper cutters.

Notably, counterfeit currency notes amounting to Rs. 13 lakh to Rs. 20 lakh have already been circulated by the accused in the last three months.

According to Davanagere Superintendent of Police (SP) Uma Prashanth, the Police acted on a tip-off about attempts to circulate fake currency. Teams swiftly moved to the Service Road near Hanagawadi village in Harihar Taluk. Two individuals, Talavara Kuberappa (58) from Kukkawada of Harihara Taluk in Davanagere district and Harish (29) from Igooru Lingapura of Davanagere Taluk, were arrested and Rs. 37,000 in fake Rs. 500 notes were seized.

Following leads provided by the arrested individuals, the Police detained J. Rudresh (39) from Doddagoppanahalli in Bhadravathi taluk, Manoj Gowda (21) from Makanahalli village of Bannur Hobli in T. Narasipur taluk, Mysuru district, Sandeep (30) from Bore Kallahalli in K.R. Nagar Taluk, Mysuru district and Krishna Naik (28) from Kalkere Lambani Hatti in Holalkere taluk. The authorities confiscated an additional Rs. 9,000 in fake Rs. 500 notes and a vehicle used for circulating counterfeit Indian currency.

Rented house in Koorgalli

Subsequent to the initial arrests, the Police conducted a raid at Rudresh's rented house in Koorgalli-Megalakoppalu in Mysuru district. Here, they discovered an operation for printing fake notes and seized both counterfeit and valid currency amounting to Rs. 43,000.

SP Uma Prashanth detailed that the Police team uncovered a significant number of counterfeit notes, including 718 fake Rs. 500 notes, 570 fake Rs. 500 notes with one-side print and 803 fake Rs. 200 notes with two-side print. A car, materials used to print the fake notes, laptops, colour prints and inks have been seized.

The arrested individuals have been remanded to judicial custody. Notably, Kuberappa and Harish had previous fake note cases registered against them at Harihar Rural Police Station and Hosapete Town Police Station in 2022.

The SP said that counterfeit currency notes amounting to Rs. 13 lakh to Rs. 20 lakh have already been circulated. The prime accused, Kuberappa and Rudresh, both facing previous fake currency note cases, were out on bail. Their *modus operandi* involved circulating fake notes alongside valid currency in crowded shops, fairs, and during nighttime.

MBA graduate, design expert

Rudresh, a Master of Business Administration (MBA) graduate, had faced losses in poultry farming during the COVID-19 pandemic. Unsuccessful attempts to secure employment led him to delve into the fake currency note racket. Rudresh, with technical expertise, acquired skills for printing counterfeit currency notes.

Rudresh was an expert in design and used to draw the designs in the currency and watched several videos on YouTube on imitation painting and currency note colours. He came in contact with Talavara Kuberappa near his poultry farm. Later, they hatched a conspiracy to print and circulate the fake currency and purchased all the required second-hand materials from different shops in Bengaluru.

While Rudresh is the technical expert behind the racket, Sandeep and Manoj Gowda assisted him in the printing process, while Kuberappa, Harish and Krishna Naik were involved in circulating the fake notes.

Sri Madiwala Machideva Jayanti on Feb. 1

Mysuru, Jan. 28- Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) R. Lokanath has directed the officials to make all preparations to meaningfully celebrate Sri Madiwala Machideva Jayanti on Feb.1 at 12 noon at Kalamandira, in the city.

At a preliminary meeting held at DC office on Thursday, ADC said that necessary steps will be taken to organise the Jayanti in a meaningful way.

Lokanth directed officials of Kannada and Culture Department to make arrangements to ensure cleanliness and for drinking water and shamiyana on the occasion.

Kannada and Culture Department Assistant Director Dr. M.D. Sudarshan, who spoke at the meeting said that cultural programmes including performance by art troupes will be organised to mark Sri Madiwala Jayanti and sought cooperation of committee members. Leaders of Sri Madiwala Machideva community and district level officials were present at the meeting.

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Bhoomigiri Narayanappa Award conferred on three achievers

SITTING FROM LEFT: ***Writer B.K. Meenakshi, Senior Journalist Amshi Prasannakumar and Tandavapura MIT Engineering College Principal Dr. Y.T. Krishnegowda, who were conferred with Bhoomigiri Narayanappa Award at a programme organised under the joint aegis of District Kannada Sahitya Parishat and Bhoomigiri Narayanappa Pratishtana at Kannada Sahitya Bhavan in Vijayanagar First Stage in city recently, are seen with*** *(standing from right)* ***MLA K. Harishgowda, former President of Mysuru District Kannada Sahitya Parishat Dr. Y.D. Rajanna, MLC C.N. Manjegowda, current President of Mysuru District Kannada Sahitya Parishat Maddikere Gopal, veteran litterateur Dr. C.P. Krishnakumar (CPK), N. Bettegowda of Bhoomigiri Narayanappa Pratishtana, Past Lions District Governor Nagaraj V. Bairy and social worker K. Raghuram.***

Mysuru, Jan. 28 (DM)- Bhoomigiri Narayanappa Award was conferred on three achievers from different fields — Senior Journalist Amshi Prasannakumar, Tandavapura MIT Engineering College Principal Dr. Y.T. Krishnegowda and writer B.K. Meenakshi — at a programme organised under the joint aegis of District Kannada Sahitya Parishat and Bhoomigiri Narayanappa Pratishtana at Kannada Sahitya Bhavan in Vijayanagar First Stage here recently.

Speaking after inaugurating the programme, MLA K. Harishgowda said that a Kannada Sahitya Sammelana would be organised in Chamaraja Constituency in the coming days.

Stating that Literary Meets used to be held frequently in the past, he stressed on the need for Kannada Literature to get back its past glory.

MLC C.N. Manjegowda, who spoke after releasing 'Gaana-Nandana' logo, said that it is important to share knowledge.

Observing that money and blood should not be stored at one place, he said that it should be kept in mind that these two would re-develop after they are distributed.

Regretting that we have entered the era where we are sending our aged parents to shelter homes, he stressed on the need for introducing personalities like Bhoomigiri Narayanappa to the next generation as it would help in social transformation. He also highlighted that Education and Health should be given more importance in future.

Veteran Litterateur Dr. C.P. Krishnakumar (CPK) released the new year calendar brought out by Bhoomigiri Narayanappa Pratishtana on the occasion.

Past Lions District Governor Nagaraj V. Bairy, District Kannada Sahitya Parishat Mysuru President Maddikere Gopal, former President Dr. Y.D. Rajanna, social worker K. Raghuram were present on the occasion.

Dr. Y.D. Rajanna, N. Bettegowda, Dr. B.N. Raveesh, Dr. A.S. Poornima, Srilatha and C.S. Vani presented musical evening.

Save soil campaign launched in city

Farmer leader C. Chandan Gowda was presented with 'Raitha Ratna' award at a function at Patrakarthara Bhavan in city recently.

Mysuru, Jan. 28- The city based Uttishta Bharat Pratishtana launched save soil campaign at a function organised at Patrakarthara Bhavan here recently. Speaking after launching the campaign by watering a plant, Raitha Kalyana Sangha State President C. Chandan Gowda said that soil erosion has becoming a pressing problem these days.

Stressing on the need for soil conservation, he expressed concern that in the absence of immediate measures, the quality of soil will deteriorate, leading to environmental damage.

Lamenting that indiscrete use of fertilisers in cultivation has resulted in 62 percent of soil erosion, he said that the Governments must wake up at least now regarding the environmental disaster that is waiting to happen and take appropriate measures for preserving soil fertility.

Mysuru District Kannada Sahitya Parishat President Maddikere Gopal, in his address, lauded the campaign for preserving soil fertility. Regretting that soil erosion has become a crucial factor in farming, he said that indiscrete and lavish use of Mother Earth has led to many disasters, most of which can be termed as man made. Expressing concern over increasing use of fertilisers and other chemical compounds, he said that this awareness campaign will help the people understand the importance of maintaining soil fertility and the disastrous effects of soil erosion.

Social worker K. Raghuram Vajpayee released the new year calendar brought out by the Pratishtana. The calendar features cartoons created by noted cartoonist M.V. Nagendra Babu, Ayodhya Sri Ram mandir and Chandrayaan Mission.

Farmer leader C. Chandan Gowda was presented with 'Raitha Ratna' award and felicitated on the occasion. Dattakriya Yoga teacher G. Mohan, Pratishtana Secretary and noted Cartoonist M.V. Nagendra Babu, Executive Committee members Jayasimha, Sridhar, N. Ananth and others were present.

Rotary Midtown Progressive Farmer Awardee

Varsha Srikantaswamy, a progressive farmer from Ummathur in Chamarajanagar district, who was conferred with 'Rotary Mysore Midtown H. Ramachandregowda Memorial Progressive Farmer Award' by Rotary Mysore Midtown at a function held at Rotary Centre on JLB Road in city recently, is seen with *(standing from left)* ***Rtn. M.N. Bhimesh, Akashvani Mysuru Programme Executive N. Keshava Murthy, Rotary Dist. 3181 Governor-Elect Rtn. P.K. Ramakrishna, Rotary Mysore Midtown President Rtn. D. Srinivasan, Hon. Secretary Rtn. Satyendra Kashyap, Rtn. Ravindra Babu and his wife Hemalatha.***

Mysuru, Jan. 28 (PM&VNS)- Rotary Mysore Midtown presented 'Rotary Mysore Midtown H. Ramachandregowda Memorial Progressive Farmer Award' to Varsha Srikantaswamy, a progressive farmer from Ummathur in Chamarajanagar district, at a function held at Rotary Centre on JLB Road here recently.

The Award was presented by Akashvani Mysuru Programme Executive N. Keshava Murthy.

Receiving the award, Varsha expressed that the award had increased her responsibility and would also motivate her to help others.

Varsha had received appreciation from Prime Minister Narendra Modi in his 'Mann Ki Baat' recently. She runs a small scale business named Akruthi Eco-Friendly Enterprises at her native in Ummathur.

Rotary Dist. 3181 Governor-Elect P.K. Ramakrishna, Rotary Mysore Midtown President D. Srinivasan, Hon. Secretary Satyendra Kashyap, Rtn. Bhaskar Sainik, Rtn. M.N. Bhimesh, Rtn. R. Ravindra Babu and his wife Hemalatha were present.

Coaching camp for competitive exams inaugurated

Mysuru, Jan. 28 (MK&DM)- Uttar Pradesh-based Glocal University's former Vice-Chancellor Prof. Syed Akheel Ahmed said that learning is a continuous process and that success will stop with the discontinuation of learning.

He was speaking after inaugurating the competitive exams coaching classes at Jnanabuthi Samsthe in Lakshmipuram here recently.

Observing that knowledge has become a great virtue with the rise of globalisation, Prof. Ahmed said that changes are coming at a rapid pace in accordance with the global norm.

Noting that learning is the only weapon with us to fight for survival in this fast changing world, he said work done with total dedication may give a new turn to our future. He called upon the aspirants to make best use of the coaching classes and achieve success in competitive exams.

Jnanabuthi Convenor Srivalli, General Secretary Jainahalli Satyanarayanagowda, Y.N. Shankaregowda, H. Balakrishna, Prof. Ganesh, Dr. Prasanna, Dr. Nagachar, Dr. Umesh Bevinahalli, Kiran Koushik, K.Y. Nagendra and others were present.

Cultural extravaganza raises the pitch of Mysuru Fest

Tourism Minister H.K. Patil, MLA K. Harishgowda and Tourism Department Principal Secretary Salma K. Fahima beating the drums to inaugurate the cultural extravaganza at Open Air Theatre in city yesterday as Tourism Department Joint Director M.K. Savitha, Department of Archaeology, Museums and Heritage Commissioner A. Devaraj, University of Mysore Vice-Chancellor Prof. N.K. Lokanath, Tourism Joint Secretary Rajamma, Information and Public Relations Department Assistant Director T.K. Harish and others look on. Picture right shows Music Director Manikanth Kadri and troupe performing.

Mysuru, Jan. 28 (MK&BS)- Youths went gaga over musical beats that set the tempo for the weekend during the cultural extravaganza organised as part of Mysuru Fest at Open Air Theatre in Manasagangothri campus of University of Mysore yesterday.

The Department of Tourism in association with District Tourism Development Committee has organised the three-day Fest that concludes today. Uyire Uyire BGM Chemman Band from Kochi in Kerala and the troupes of Music Director Manikanth Kadri and singer Pruthvi entertained the gathering with the rendition of hit numbers.

The foot tapping music with a mix of violin fusion, chende recital and dance struck the chord with the gathering. Malayalam singers belted out *'Huttidare Kannada Naadalli Huttabeku...'* all-time hit song of Kannada and several other songs from Kannada, Hindi, Tamil, Telugu and Malayalam languages.

The rhythm of songs from pop star Michael Jackson's musical albums reminded of the musical genius, followed by violin recital of chartbusters like *Bombe Helutaithe* from *Rajakumara* and *Ninnindale Ninnindale* from *Milana* and *Ra Ra* from *Vikranth Rona* left the gathering awe struck.

A song on Lord Ganesha invoking the blessings, set a perfect tone for the evening that unfolded with a mix of musical treat.

The stage near the clock tower at Manasagangothri campus witnessed saxophone concert of Vid. Yadukumar, Nagari recital by Mahesh and troupe, Veera Makkala Kunita, a folk dance form by Huyilalu Shivamallu and troupe and light music by Raghunath - Gurudutt troupe.

Inspired by Mysuru's hospitality: H.K. Patil

Cultural Capital Mysuru is a tourism hub and the way people play a host to guests and treat the tourists and cultural history are all inspiring, said Tourism Minister H.K. Patil.

Speaking after inaugurating the cultural extravaganza of Mysuru Fest, Patil said "For the first time, Tourism Department has organised Mysuru Fest to provide an opportunity to artistes who couldn't make it during Dasara cultural programmes. Chitra Santhe, Flea Market and cultural programmes are popular among all."

Patil said, "Whenever I visit Mysuru, what stems the source of inspiration with air of freshness is the way guests are hosted and tourists are welcomed to the city. I am deeply influenced by art, literature and culture of the city. Mysuru Fest is not just restricted to entertainment. Like the good old saying in Kannada; *Desha Suththu Kosha Odu...*, if one has to have a peek into the art of Mysuru, they should visit the city on a tour."

Chamaraja MLA K. Harishgowda presided. University of Mysore Vice-Chancellor Prof. N.K. Lokanath, Tourism Department Principal Secretary Salma K. Fahima, Joint Director M.K. Savitha, Joint Secretary Rajamma, Information and Public Relations Department Assistant Director T.K. Harish and others were present.

Georgian cultural show today: Artistes of India Georgian troupe will be performing in Open Air Theatre at 4 pm today. The event is an unique cultural programme, with attractive musical style, considered as novel in the world.

Budding artists paint their imaginative Mysuru

Mysuru, Jan. 28 (MTY&BS)- Hundreds of students participated in the drawing competition organised as part of Mysuru Fest at Manasagangothri in city yesterday.

The competition had been organised on the premises of Mathematics Department of University of Mysore and over 150 students from various schools and colleges in the district took part.

They gave wings to their creativity on canvas, by drawing various facets of Mysuru and also the contributions of erstwhile Mysuru rulers.

The professional artists who were invited as juries evaluated the drawings before announcing the names of the prize winners.

B.C. Krishna of St. Joseph's College won the first prize, Shreyas Joshi of SJCS School got second prize and Praful Raghavendra third prize.

Nikhil Raghavendra of Vijaya Vittala PU College, M.G. Poorvika of Navkis School and M. Bharath Kumar of DMS won consolation prizes.

Lord Ram idol consecration at Ayodhya

BJP felicitates sculptor Arun Yogiraj, Ramdas and Srinivas

Mysuru, Jan. 28 (BLU&DM)- Sculptor Arun Yogiraj of the city, who sculpted the idol of Lord Ram that was consecrated at Ayodhya's Ram Mandir on Jan. 22, Ramdas, the owner of the land at Harohalli in Mysuru taluk where the black schist stone used for sculpting the idol was found and mining contractor Srinivas, who excavated the stone from Ramdas's land and transported it to Ayodhya, were felicitated by the BJP at a ceremony held at Arun Yogiraj's residence "Kashayapa Shilpakala Niketana" near Basaveshwara Circle in the heart of the city on Friday.

Speaking on the occasion, MP Pratap Simmha said that the BJP will pay Mining Contractor Srinivas Rs. 80,000, the penalty imposed by the State Mines and Geology Department for unauthorized excavation of the stone.

MLA T.S. Srivatsa, City BJP President and former MLA L. Nagendra and a host of other BJP leaders were present.

WORD OF THE DAY

Skulk

Pronunciation: SKULK.
Meaning: To skulk is to move around or hide in a stealthy or secretive way. A person or animal that is said to be skulking is often assumed or considered to be up to some form of wrongdoing or mischief.
Origin: Here's one for the word-puzzle lovers. Name three qualities that the word skulk shares with each of the following words: booth, brink, cog, flit, kid, meek, scab, seem, and skull. If you noticed that all of the terms on that list have just one syllable, then you've got the first, and easiest, similarity. The next two require some special knowledge: all of the words are of Scandinavian origin and all were first recorded in English in the 13th century. As for skulk specifically, its closest known Scandinavian relative is the Norwegian dialect word skulka, which means "to lie in wait" or "to lurk." Skulk is also used—though less often—as a noun, referring either to "one that skulks" or to a group of foxes, animals often held to be furtively lurking around.
Example: "To the general public, vultures may seem vaguely repulsive, Edward Gorey-type characters that skulk in bare trees waiting for something to die. But to researchers who study any of the 23 species in today's vulture consortium, the birds brim with intelligence born of their exceptional vocation." — Natalie Angier

THE ODD WORD

Samel
Underburnt.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Show of hands

Meaning: 'Show of hands' means raising hands to vote about something.
Origin: Voting can take place in many ways and one of the most common is described as a "show of hands." The origin of the idiom "a show of hands" is believed to be 1789 England.
Example: "By a show of hands, how many of you would prefer to have the test on Friday?"

QUOTE BOX

Let us raise a standard to which the wise and honest can repair; the rest is in the hands of God. **—George Washington**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

HECK HECK IT

Answer: To heck with it.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Mass of bread
5 Afternoon refresher
8 A large food fish - "Core" anagram?
12 Impulse
13 Benign tumour of the skin
14 Extended piece for a solo voice in an opera
15 Erratic, uncertain or unstable
17 Hand-warmer?
18 Transgression
19 Very thin pancakes
21 Hollywood great ____ Davis
24 Foolish one
25 Light melodies
26 Ransack
27 Class or kind
30 Vane directions ?
31 Poet of Inferno
32 French assent
33 "Bad Behaviour" star Stephen
34 Female friend from France?
35 Writing liquids
36 Brazilian dance
38 Church sections
39 Queasiness
41 Town in Ladakh
42 Belonging to us
43 Besiege
48 Suffer or endure - "reed" anagram ?
49 Tech. Std. Order
50 Mr. Patekar of Bollywood
51 A compass point
52 "Even" in short for the poet
53 Able was I, ___ __ saw Elba ? (3,1)

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

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S	N	A	R	L	■	■	■	T	O	O	T	H
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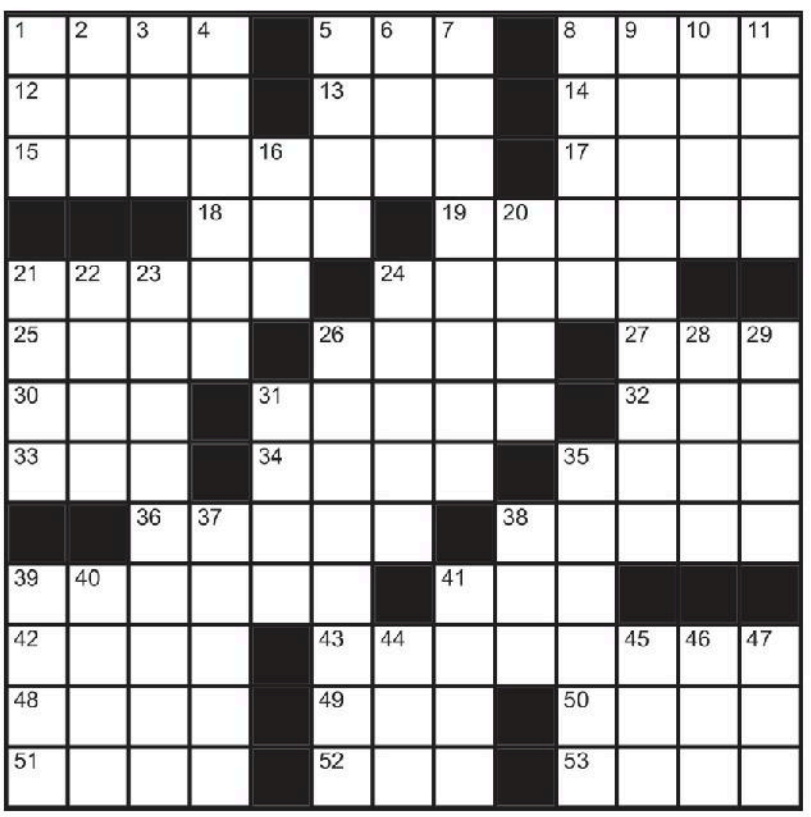
B	P	S	■	■	■	S	L	S	■	E	G	G

DOWN
1 Twin brother of Kush
2 Spanish gold
3 Above ground level
4 Religious festivals; big meals
5 Double
6 Long fish
7 A short account of a story
8 Small film role
9 Volcano outbursts
10 Found in many places
11 Awkward stupid persons
16 Make a knot
20 Ceremony
21 Famous prizefighter and actor - "bear" anagram ?
22 One in Bonn
23 Fortunes
24 Greek area
26 Scold or castigate
28 Mr. Skywalker of Star Wars fame?
29 Caress with the lips
31 Titled lady
35 Apple's mobile phone
37 Plus
38 Ireland's ___ Lingus
39 Meeting point
40 Distinctive air
41 Author Hubbard (1,3)
44 Utilize or employ
45 Old Mideast ints.
46 North North East, on the compass
47 Disease activity index, abbr.



SUDOKU

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Answer to previous puzzle

7	2	6	3	5	9	1	8	4
9	3	1	7	8	4	2	5	6
8	4	5	2	6	1	9	3	7
2	7	9	5	3	8	6	4	1
3	5	4	9	1	6	7	2	8
1	6	8	4	7	2	5	9	3
6	1	2	8	9	3	4	7	5
5	9	3	1	4	7	8	6	2
4	8	7	6	2	5	3	1	9

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

EOC GIIZ VIILK PAIZ GHZJ ZFWOE BVIXCTK;

EOC ZFWOE BVIXCTK KCC NPE IZC GIIZ.

TODAY'S CLUE: E EQUALS T

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: The universe seems neither benign nor hostile, merely indifferent.

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- **Balaji Theatre** — Ph: 2497199
  Fighter (H) - 4 Shows
- **Rajkamal Theatre** — Ph: 2423554
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  Kaatera (K) - 4 Shows

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Bachelor Party (K)	(S-1)	10.10 am, 1 pm, 7.10 pm
Kaatera (K)	(S-1)	3.50 pm
	(S-3)	10 pm
Malaikottai Valiban (Ma)	(S-1)	10.05 pm
Alexa (K)	(S-2)	10.15 am
Case of Kondana (K)	(S-2)	1 pm
Hanuman (K)	(S-2)	3.50 pm
3D Fighter (H)	(S-2)	6.55 pm
	(S-4)	9.40 am, 12.50 pm, 4 pm, 10.25 pm
2D Fighter (H)	(S-2)	10.05 pm
	(S-4)	7.10 pm
Upadhyaksha (K)	(S-3)	10.10 am, 1.05 pm, 4 pm, 7.05 pm

MYSURU VISION CINEMAS — Ph: 0821 - 2973519

Bachelor Party (K)	:	10 am, 1 pm, 7.05 pm
3D Fighter (H)	:	10 am, 4.05 pm, 6.45 pm, 9.50 pm
Upadhyaksha (K)	:	10 am, 12.55 pm, 3.50 pm, 7.10 pm
Kaatera (K)	:	12.45 pm, 3.45 pm
Hanu-man (K)	:	1.05 pm, 4.05 pm
Case of Kondana (K)	:	7.05 pm
Blue Star (Ta)	:	9.50 pm
Malaikottai Valiban (Ma)	:	9.50 pm
105 Minuttess (Te)	:	10 pm

PVR CINEMAS — 4K Dolby 7.1

Nexus Centre City Mall, 2nd Floor. Mob: 8951357139

2D Fighter (H))	:	10.30 am, 2.05 pm 5.40 pm, 9.15 pm
3D Fighter (H))	:	11 am, 11.45 am, 2.35 pm, 3.20 pm, 6.10 pm, 6.55 pm, 9.45 pm, 10.30 pm
Trailers Screening Show	:	10.45 am
Hanu-man (K)	:	11.30 am
Hanu-man (H)	:	7.10 pm
Hanu-man (Te)	:	9.30 pm
Upadhyaksha (K)	:	12.35 pm
Blue Star (Ta)	:	12.50 pm
Kaatera (K)	:	2.50 pm
Bachelor Party (K)	:	3.45 pm, 6.25 pm, 10.05 pm
Singapore Saloon (Ta)	:	4.15 pm, 10.30 pm
Malaikottai Valiban (Ma)	:	6.50 pm

1st Floor, Garuda Mall. Mob: 9901373210

Kaatera (K)	:	10.30 am
Trailers Screening Show	:	10.25 am
Bachelor Party (K)	:	11.15 am, 7 pm, 9.30 pm
3D Fighter (H)	:	11.30 am, 3.05 pm, 6.40 pm, 10.15 pm
2D Fighter (H)	:	12.05 pm, 2.20 pm, 5.55 pm
Case of Kondana (K)	:	2.05 pm
Hanu-man (Te)	:	3.40 pm
Koli Esru (K)	:	5.10 pm
Upadhyaksha (K)	:	7.20 pm
Singapore Saloon (Ta)	:	10.05 pm
Malaikottai Valiban (Ma)	:	10.30 pm

INOX LIVE the MOVIE

Mall of Mysore - Mob: 7829999465

Kaatera (K)	(S-3)	3.25 pm
Hanu-man (K)	(S-3)	12.05 pm
Case of Kondana (K)	(S-3)	10.30 pm
Upadhyaksha (K)	(S-2)	7.05 pm
	(S-3)	9 am
Bachelor Party (K)	(S-2)	9.20 am, 4 pm, 10.20 pm
Malaikottai Valiban (Ma)	(S-3)	7.05 pm
Fighter (H)	(S-4)	12.25 pm
3D Fighter (H)	(S-1)	7.40 am, 11.15 am, 2.50 pm 6.25 pm, 10 pm
	(S-4)	10.30 am, 2.05 pm, 5.40 pm, 9.15 pm

INOX Centro Mysore - Mob: 9606976757

Upadhyaksha (K)	:	10 am, 4 pm, 7 pm
Hadinelentu (K)	:	11.35 am
3D Fighter (K)	:	11.45 am, 2.20 pm, 3.20 pm, 5.55 pm, 6.55 pm, 9.30 pm, 10.30 pm
Bachelor Party (K)	:	12.55 pm, 7.15 pm, 10.20 pm
Alexa (K)	:	1.10 pm
Singapore Saloon (Ta)	:	4.10 pm
Hanu-man (K)	:	10.20 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15.

EVENTS TODAY (JAN. 28)

- **CBSE, ICSE & State Private Schools Management Association, Mysuru Division (CISPMAM) and Chirag Ads:** Education Fair, Maharaja's College Grounds, **upto 9 pm.**
- **Department of Tourism and District Tourism Development Committee:** Mysuru Fest, Flea Market, Food Fest; Samskrutika Vaibhava, Open Air Theatre, **upto 9.30 pm.**
- **Rangaantaranga Mysuru - Bharata Ratna Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Residential School, Gandhi Nagar, Mysuru:** Inauguration of Children's Theatre Camp, Haralaiah Rangamandira, Gandhi Nagar, **4.30 pm.**
- **Sri Nimishamba Dance Promoters, Mysuru:** 'Hejje-Gejje,' Dance Festival, 'Deva-Devi Vaibhava' Nrityotsava by around 350 artistes, Yaduveer Wadiyar of Mysore Royal Family and noted music director Guru Kiran will inaugurate, Guru Vid. Sridhar Jain, MD of Sri Nimishamba Dance Promoters, presides; Conferring of 'Hejje Gejje' awards and Felicitation function, MMC&RI's Platinum Jubilee auditorium, J.K. Grounds, opposite Railway Station, **5 pm.**
- **Inner Wheel Club of Mysore West:** Golden Jubilee celebrations, Mysore Sports Club, **5.30 pm.**
- **Nele Hinnele, Mysuru:** Staging of play 'Direct Action', Prof. Nataraj Huliyar-authored play based on life history of Prof. M.D. Nanjundaswamy (MDN), Kalamandira, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Ramakrishna Ashram:** Swami Sarvajayananda speaks on 'Sri Sri Ramakrishna Charite,' Ashram premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**
- **Shruthimanjari Foundation and Rotary Club of Mysore West:** 26th Annual Music Festival-2024, Sri Purandara-Sri Tyagaraja Aradhana Mahotsava - Goshti Gayana by renowned musicians, Karnatak Classical Instrumental Music by Vid. V. Vamshidhar (flute), Vid. Mattur Srinidhi (violin), Vid. Anirudha Bhat (mridanga) and Vid. Sharath Koushik (ghata), Rotary West Auditorium, Saraswathipuram, **6 pm.**
- **Prakash Performing Arts Trust, Kannada and Culture Department:** Dhwani-1, vocal recital by Sindhu and Smitha, accompanied by Prithvi Bhaskar on violin, K.U. Jayachandra Rao on mridanga and G.S. Ramanujan on ghata, felicitation to music guru Vidu. H.N. Rajalakshmi, # 33, Surya Layout, behind Naidu Stores, Srirampura 2nd Stage, **6 pm.**
- **Rangayana, Mysuru:** Staging of play 'Kakanakote,' written by Masti Venkatesh Iyengar, directed by S. Ramanath, Vanaranga, Rangayana premises, **6.30 pm.**
- **Natana School of Theatre Arts:** Staging of play 'Chora Charanadasa,' Ramakrishnanagar, **6.30 pm.**
- **Avadhoota Datta Peetham:** 4k Projection Mapping on 45-ft tall Karya Siddhi Hanuman statue, Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda (SGS) Ashram, Dattanagar, Nanjangud Road, (3 Shows) **7.10 pm, 7.40 pm and 8.10 pm.**
- **Nruthya Vidya Peeta, Mysuru, an Academy of Classical Dance and Indian Arts:** Nrutyaamrutha — Bharatanatyam Rangapravesha of Vidu. Amrutha, disciple of Guru C.N. Anitha, V.N. Mallikarjuna Swamy, Joint Director of Kannada and Culture Department; Maddikere Gopal, President of Mysuru District Kannada Sahitya Parishat and Jamunarani Mirle of Mysore Art Gallery will be the special invitees, Kirurangamandira, Kalamandira premises, **5.30 pm onwards.**
- **Swarasankula Sangeetha Sabha:** Hindustani classical music — Flute recital by Vidu. Sameeksha H. Vivek, accompanied by Kedar Joshi on tabla; vocal recital by Vidu. Priya Purushothaman, accompanied by Pt. Sagar Bharathraj on tabla and Pt. Veerabhadraiah Hiremath on harmonium, Ganabharathi's Veene Seshanna Bhavana, Adichunchanagiri Road, **5.30 pm.**
- **Ashtanga Yoga Vijnana Mandiram:** Discourse on 'Atma Gunagalu' by K. Sudarshan, No. 957, Seshadri Iyer Road, Lakshmipuram, **6.45 pm.**
- **Gurudev Academy of Fine Arts:** Chethanotsava - Classical Dance, art patron Dr. Jagannath Shenoy inaugurates, Noopura Kalavidaru Founder - President Prof. K. Ramamurthv Rao speaks, Journalist Rashmi Koti chief guest, Rotary Central Mysuru President Rtn. PHF. N. Umesh and Hon. Secretary Rtn. PHF. V. Prem Sagar, guests of honour, presentation of Gurudev Award to Music Patron C.R. Himamshu, Academy Artistic Director Dr. P.M. Chethana Radhakrishna presides, Academy MD P.M. Radhakrishna will be present, Jaganmohan Palace, **6.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (JAN. 29)

- **Yuva Chintana Foundation, Mysuru:** Conferring of 'EcosySTEM Teacher' awards and interaction with awardees, Dr. J. V. Nandana Kumar, Additional Director (Retd), Mines, GoK, chief guest, Education Specialist Usha Raghupathy, guest of honour, Yuva Chintana Foundation Chairman C.L. Gowda presides, Rotary Centre, JLB Road, **10 am.**
- **Sahitya Akademi, PG Kannada Study Centre, Dept. of Kannada, Maharani's Arts College for Women:** Two-day seminar on Various Dimensions of Kannada Literary Research, B.V. Vasantha Kumar, Principal, Maharani's Arts College inaugurates; H.M. Kalashree, Co-ordinator, PG Centre for Kannada Studies, chief guest; Basavaraja Kalgudi, Convenor, Kannada Advisory Board, Sahitya Akademi will deliver presidential address, PG Seminar Hall, Maharani's Arts College for Women, JLB Road, **10 am.**
- **Vishwamanava Mysore University Employees Forum:** Rajashekar Koti memorial programme, calendar release and felicitation to achievers, MLA K. Harishgowda presides, MLAs H.M. Ganesh Prasad and Darshan Dhruvanarayan and UoM VC Prof. N.K. Lokanath will release calendar; DCP (Law & Order) M. Muthuraj, Senior Journalist Amshi Prasannakumar and Journalist Rashmi Koti, chief guests, University Evening College premises, **10.30 am.**
- **Sarada Vilas College:** One-day National workshop on 'Recent Trends in Research Methodology,' Prof. G.R. Janardhana, DoS in Botany, University of Mysore (UoM), chief guest; Dr. B.M. Subraya, President, Sarada Vilas Educational Institutions (SVEI); N. Chandrashekar, Hon. Secretary, SVEI and T.K. Umesh, Senior GC Member, SVEI, guests of honour, Dr. M. Devika, Principal, Sarada Vilas College presides, Centenary Hall, SVEI; **9.30 am;** Valedictory, Prof. D. Anand, Director, College Development Council, UoM and Prof. H.D. Revanasiddappa, Chairman, Department of Chemistry, UoM chief guests; Centenary Hall, **4.30 pm.**
- **Parampare:** Girija Kalyana Saptaha-Lecture series based on Shivapurana, *Shivatatvachintamani* and *Girijakalyana Mahaprabandha* of Harihara, Dr. Jyothy Shankara will deliver lectures; Katharambha by disciples of Vidu. Gayatri Sathyanarayana, Savigana Dasavani troupe, Ganapathi temple, 'I' Block, Ramakrishnanagar, **6 pm onwards.**

'Karineera Veera' play tomorrow

Mysuru, Jan. 28- Rangabhoomi Trust, Kodagu - Mysuru Unit, will be staging the Kannada play 'Karineera Veera,' based on the life of freedom fighter Veer Savarkar, at Kiru-rangamandira in Kalamandira premises here on Jan. 29 and Jan. 30 at 6.30 pm. The play is directed by Rangayana former Director Addanda C. Cariappa. For tickets contact Mob: 94484-22343 or 63648-20400.

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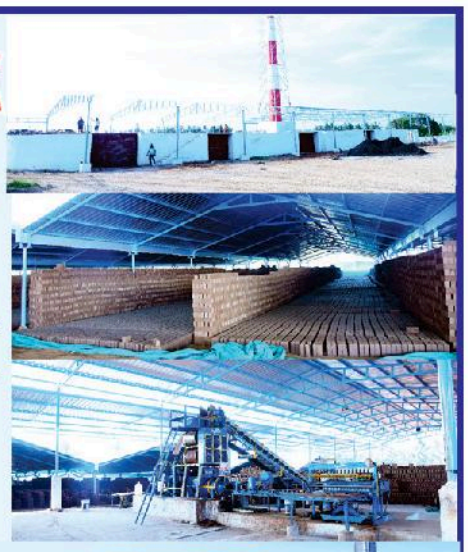
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